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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:

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☒ Box No. I Basis of the report

☐ Box No. II Priority

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☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited

☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1, 3, 4 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* 2, 2a _____ received by this Authority on 20.10.2004 with the letter of 19.10.2004
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-6 _____ received by this Authority on 20.10.2004 with the letter of 19.10.2004
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/2-2/2 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
0) This report has been established on the basis of the claims submitted with the letter of 19 October 2004.			
1) This report makes reference to the following document: D1: EP-A-1 085 674 (PHILIPS CORP INTELLECTUAL PTY; KONINKL PHILIPS ELECTRONICS NV (NL)) 21 March 2001			
2) The present application appears to meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1). The subject matter of claims 1 to 6 appears to be novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).			
3) Independent claim 1 D1 discloses (see, in particular, figure 2 and paragraphs 24-36): method for supplying power to a current sink via two data line pairs of a local network, by means of which method a supply voltage provided by a voltage source is coupled between the central			

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points of two voltage dividers, each of which is situated between the two data lines of a pair.

Thus the subject matter of independent claim 1 differs from the teaching of D1 in that, as voltage dividers, two equally sized, real resistors relating to the line termination are used. The prior art uses induction coils to fulfill the same function. The invention therefore solves the problem addressed by the application of providing a more cost-effective alternative in relation to the prior art.

The solution proposed in claim 1 of the present application can be regarded as inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).

4) Dependent claims 2 to 4

The same argument applies accordingly to dependent claims 2 to 4, since these claims add elements that simplify the functioning of the invention to the subject matter of independent claim 1, which is considered to be novel and inventive.

5) Independent claim 5

Independent claim 5 relates to a device for carrying out the method defined in claim 1. The same argument therefore applies in concluding that independent claim 5 appears to meet the requirements of PCT Article 33.

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6)	<p data-bbox="407 331 732 363">Dependent claim 6</p> <p data-bbox="407 432 1365 663">The same argument applies accordingly for dependent claim 6, since this claims adds elements that simplify the functioning of the invention to the subject matter of independent claim 5, which is considered to be novel and inventive.</p>
7)	<p data-bbox="407 730 1328 863">The documents consulted during the search do not contain anything that would put the novelty or inventiveness of the invention into question.</p>